

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba

a.

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counterrevolutionary plans to launch
simultaneous attacks throughout
Cuba [redacted]

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b. The rumors are similar to
those of a general uprising which
had been planned three weeks ago.

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d. We doubt that insurgent
groups are strong enough to stage
the kind of attacks being rumored

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2. Venezuela

a. The Anzoategui anchored close off the Brazilian coast last evening [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The vessel is some 300 miles from Belem.

b. Minor terrorist acts continued through the weekend, but Caracas is relatively quiet with business as usual and major interest focusing on the fortunes of the pirated freighter.

3. Common Market

a. France may soon propose some kind of limited economic agreement between Britain and the Common Market.

b. The idea would be to soften opposition to De Gaulle's policies among the other five Market members and at the same time keep to a minimum Britain's political influence on the continent.

c. De Gaulle is no doubt aware that the US has opposed any such preferential arrangement for the UK unless it were tied to moves for furthering the political integration of Europe.

4. Laos

a. Souvanna's thought of returning to Vientiane proved short-lived. He is said to have received "reassuring" word from home.

b. We cannot imagine what this "reassuring" word could have been. Kong Le's lieutenants in the Plaine des Jarres this weekend left visiting journalists with the impression that tensions between neutralists and leftists there were reaching serious proportions.

c. There has been no fighting yet, but the Pathet Lao are said to have withdrawn to prepared positions surrounding the Plaine des Jarres. There has been no contact between the Pathet Lao and neutralists since Col. Ketsana's assassination.

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d. The uneasy situation is filling Vientiane with reports of coup plotting by both rightists and leftists.

5. South Korea

a. Chairman Pak has tried another gambit to ease the still sticky political situation.

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b. Following a long talk with Ambassador Berger he issued a ten-point statement calling on all Korean politicians to acknowledge the legitimacy of the revolutionary regime and its principles, to support a popularly elected government and political neutrality of the military, and to "cease old-fashioned fighting and engage in gentlemanly competition" for the nation's trust.

c. If Korea's political leaders accept within the week, Pak declared, he would retire from politics after a newly-elected civilian government is formed. Elections for this, "shall be postponed until after May".

6. Disarmament Talks

a. The Soviets are trying every way they can to convince conference delegates at Geneva that Moscow has gone as far as it can go toward meeting our terms for a test ban.

b. Kuznetsov told Foster yesterday that Khrushchev had had a tough time selling Moscow on the principle of on-site inspection and on two or three inspections annually. He had to defend the President against the charge that the US was trying to take advantage of Soviet concessions in the Cuban case by "cheap bargaining" for further Soviet moves.

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c. Under these circumstances, he said, our adherence to a greater number of inspections raised grave doubts in the Soviet view about the prospect for the negotiations.

d. Our delegation advises that if we bring up the matter of B-47-Badger destruction, we do so privately with the Soviets at this stage. Otherwise it might be interpreted as a counter-offer to their declaration against stationing of strategic delivery vehicles abroad. This declaration is viewed by the delegates as propaganda which requires no response.

NOTES

- A. Philippines-US Macapagal told the press yesterday he would be inviting the President to come to the Philippines for a first-hand look at the situation in southeast Asia.
- B. USSR The head of the Soviet State Committee on Radio and Television expressed regret at the decision to close down NBC's offices in Moscow. He said he thought it was a mistake and that the ban would not last long.